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Honorable George H. Bush
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

On December 23, 1975, President Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-168), which provides for a United States Metric Board to devise and carry out a broad program of metric planning, coordination, and public education.

Our national commitment to metrication should broaden significantly U.S. opportunities to share in the economic, technical, and social benefits associated with the current worldwide shift to metric usage. As President Ford said in his "signing" statement:

"I sign the bill with the conviction that it will enable our country to adopt increasing use of this convenient measurement language...both at home, in our schools and factories, and overseas with our trading partners."

This Act also acknowledges the importance of harmonizing with minimum cost the thousands of interdependent decisions to be made regarding the timing and nature of metric conversion.

In anticipation of Congressional enactment of the Metric Conversion Act the Interagency Committee on Standards Policy (ICSP) last year established a Metrication Subcommittee to coordinate appropriate Federal agency metric conversion programs. A major role of this Subcommittee is to act as liaison between the Executive Branch and the United States Metric Board established by P.L. 94-168.

In order to assure that this liaison is effective, the ICSP at its meeting of November 19, 1975, adopted unanimously the following motion:

"that each Federal agency designate an individual within its agency to coordinate metrication policies and activities in order to assist in establishing a Federally coordinated metric policy and related activities."

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The purpose of my letter is to ask you to designate a "Metric Coordinator" who would represent your agency in the coordination activities of the ICSP Metrication Subcommittee, including its liaison with the United States Metric Board.

If you agree to designating a "Metric Coordinator" for your agency, I would appreciate it if his name, title, and telephone number could be communicated to the ICSP Acting Chairman, Mr. Robert B. Ellert, who is also my Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Product Standards. Mr. Ellert's mailing address is:

Office of Product Standards
U.S. Department of Commerce
Room 3859
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20230

A composite list of all "Metric Coordinators" will be prepared and a copy transmitted to your "Coordinator."

Sincerely,


ACTING Secretary of Commerce

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